

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph found on page 1 of the specification, lines 20-23 to read as follows:

In situ regeneration of NADH with the NAD-dependent formate dehydrogenase ("FDH") in the reductive amination of trimethyl pyruvate to give L-tert-leucine (Bommarius et al. Tetrahedron Asymmetry 1995, 6, 2851-2888).